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Stated Meeting, November 20th, 1868.

Present, fourteen members.

Prof. JOHN C. CRESSON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

A letter of envoi was received from Mr. A. Erdmann, dated Stockholm, June 15th, 1868.

Donations for the Library were received from M. A. Erdmann, the Prussian Academy, M. Carlier of Paris, the Boston Natural History Society, Mr. Hubbard, Dr. J. Wyman, the Journal of Science, Yale College, the Franklin Institute, Dr. J. A. Meigs, Dr. Emerson, Mr. J. Lea, Mr. Fr. Fraley, Mr. Joseph Lesley, and Mr. Shunk.

Dr. Wood spoke of the origin of earthquakes; and suggested as a possible producing cause, the expansive force of the fluid interior, on the supposition of a rigid crust, slowly increasing by solidification, the expansion being due to crystallisation.

Mr. Chase reported his observations of the meteors of the 14th inst.

Mr. Lesley read an English translation of Dr. Brugsch's German translation of the D'Orbiney Papyrus, and explained its mythological character.

The Minutes of the Board of Officers and Members in Council were read.

Nominations 593 and 594, and new nominations 595 to 619 were read.

Mr. Fraley, on the part of the Michaux Legacy Committee reported progress.

And the Society was adjourned.